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COMPLEX MICROLITHOGRAPHIC PATTERNS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1, insert [] --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/SE98/00347 which has an International filing date of February 26, 1998 which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLAIM 3: Line 1, delete "or claim 2"